

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A first indicator is displayed to a computer user to indicate that a specified output device is warmed up and ready to print, while a second indicator is displayed to the user when the output device is not warmed up and ready to print. Preferably, the indicators are GUI icons or buttons, and the first indicator differs from the second by color, with one color being utilized to indicate "ready", and another to indicate "not ready". Then, when an output device is not yet ready to print, the user may select and activate the indicator in order to warm up the output device in advance of the user's need to print.